

September 10, 2018

Dear Members of Congress,

We, the undersigned businesses of the coastal recreation and tourism sector, strongly urge Congress to reauthorize and fully fund the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) before it expires on September 30. Our industries depend on beachgoers having access to our pristine coastlines, which LWCF has provided for over 50 years.

The Land and Water Conservation Fund has protected coastal habitats and enhanced recreation opportunities for the public since the program's inception in 1964. For decades, LWCF-protected places have fueled America's \$887 billion outdoor recreation economy, providing outdoor access for millions of people nationwide. From Huntington Beach, CA to Satellite Beach, FL countless coastal destinations have received millions of dollars in LWCF funding for land acquisition and development projects.

Coastal recreation and tourism are major economic drivers for coastal communities and the nation as a whole. Without LWCF, Americans will lose a vital source of funding for protecting the iconic beaches and protected coastlines that our businesses rely on. Without access to the pristine coastal areas that support our industries, the quality of life of both residents and visitors would be significantly degraded and our businesses would suffer.

As the clock ticks down on LWCF, we ask for your leadership in protecting our coastal ecosystems and supporting the economies of the adjacent communities. We urge Congress to pass the existing bipartisan legislation introduced in both the House and Senate to permanently reauthorize LWCF before its expiration on September 30.

Sincerely,

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